CIVING IS SURE **CURE FOR BLUES** AT CHRISTMAS

St. Nicholas Girl Outlines Joys of Upholding Little Ones' Faith.

CASH AND PRESENTS URGENTLY NEEDED

The Times Committee Already Busy Cataloging List of Young Applicants.

The first letter the St. Nicholas Girl opened today when she arrived at her office and began to open the mail accumulated on her desk over night, was this one:

Dear St. Nicholas Girl:

I am feeling blue this morning, and I once read somewhere "when feeling blue do something for some one else," so I am writing to ask how I can help you? How can I know what to buy for some of those desclate youngsters who are begging so hard for Sasta Claus to help remember them? I know I can send you money, but I want the pleasure of helping-of answering some of those letters myself. Now, I will not be able to furnish an automobile, or buy a walking doll, but any small gifts you may want I would love to furnish. Let me hear from you soon please. Yours for happiness,

> E. B. C. Great Help for "Blues."

Can anybody think of a better antidote for the blues than doing something for the hundreds of poor little tots who are appealing each day to the St. Nicho-las Girl of The Times, their pitiful let-ters telling of hopes unfulfilled, and of

suffering unrelieved?
The St. Nicholas Girl assures the correspondent that every little bit of correspondent that every little bit of help is gladly accepted, and even the tiniest gift will be appreciated by some one. It may be just a 10-cent doil baby, with yellow hair and blue eyes, or it be a dollar, which will buy ten such doll bables, but one contribution will be as thankfully received as the other. It takes a good many doll bables to go around among seven or eight ten thousand children, and a good many

ten thousand children, and a good many dollars to buy them.

The St. Nicholas Girl of The Washington Times has promised that she will give every poor little child in Washington a Christmas present this year, if the citizens of Washington will only do their part. The donations are coming in slowly, a great deal more slowly than the little letters to Santa Claus.

Money and Toys Needed. A great deal of money will be needed, and many, many toys. So the St. Nich-olas Giri asks everybody who knows garret or closet, to send them down to a \$50,000,000 appropriation for the Munsey building, where a committee improvement of the Mississippi. He wil be on hand to see that they are dis-tributed where they will bring the most happiness.

told the ediegates that it was not a question of improving navigation conditions, but of protecting tremen-

Held Up by Burglar



SPEECH BY TAF

President Favors \$50,000, 000 to Improve Mississippi River Alone.

Twenty-three hundred delegates to he ninth annual convention of the National Rivers and aHrbors Congress to day cheered to the echo a decelaration by President Taft in favor of an immediate appropriation of \$50,000,000 for the improvement of the Mississippi river so as to prevent floods, and s little later the delegates applauded with like vigor a warning against monopoli-sation of waterway terminals by the rallways.

President oJseph E. Ransdell, of the congress, who is Senator from Louisiana, ustered this warning and served bors Congress that this national organisation will not tolerate anything but open competition and fair play on the waterways of the country.

se also resounded through the large ball room of the New Willard for the address by the Peruvian minister to the United States, Frederico Alfonso Pezet, who in excellent English, sur prised the river and harbor delegates with his account of the enormous waterway resources of the southern half of the continent, and who warned the United States to be up and doing with respect to South American trade when the Panama canal is opened.

President Taft, first creating a laugh by saying it was "for the fourth and last time that he was addressing the

DARING ROBBER BAFFLES POLICE SEEKING CLUES

Thief Tries to Asphyxiate Hyattsville Family After Raiding House.

BURGLAR SECURES \$40 FROM GROCER

Good Description of Wanted Man Is Given Detectives by

Daring Burglar's Description As Given to Police

Age, about twenty years. Height, five feet nine inches. Weight, 130 pounds. Red or sandy hair; smooth reddish

Gold tooth that shows when he talks or smiles. Speaks broken English, but says he

is Irish. Neatly dressed in brown suit, light cap, tan shoes, no overcoat.

Confronted with a series of the that up to the present time they who, after eight hold-ups in Washington, shifted the scene of his ac- charity. I will accept no charity." tivity early today to Hyattaville, Md., But John Delahanty, attorney for the Bank of the Metropolis, said that the bouses.

One more suspect was taken in ustody this afternoon, when Central Office detectives arrested a young white man answering the description of the robber.

Held on Scant Evidence.

The detectives frankly admitted that from one of the houses that was en-tered; that he has a previous police rec-The suspect was taken before Miss Dorothy Detweler and Miss Jane Kar-ney, the two vaudeville actresses, from the police said he would be released later. He was not formally arrested.

Left Gas Turned On.

CEN. SICKLES KISSES WIFE:

Woman Again Comes to Rescue of Aged War Hero With \$3,500.

WILLING TO CABLE TO **SPAIN FOR BALANCE**

Sheriff Harburger Had Novel Plan to Save Relics From Low Prices.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4,-It looks today as if the much-postponed sale of Gen. Daniel E. Sickles' relics to satisfy his debts, which was to have taken place yesterday, but which Sheriff Harburger has adjourned to December 12, is called off for good

The general and his wife, long separated, have made up and she has promised to pay the \$5,000 which General Sickles owes to the Bank of the Metropolis.

It was said this morning that Mrs. Sickles already had given \$3,500 to the bank officials and said she would cable to Madrid for the rest.

Confusion Around Hero.

boldest hold-ups and robberies that years old, stood in his home at 23 Fifth have occurred in Washington and on avenue surrounded by heaped up conthe outskirts of the District in years, down, his statues removed from their the police today frankly admitted pedestals, his rugs and hangings had the sale. To every question as to have failed to get a tangible clue to whether or not his wife had finally the identity of the daring burglar fected a reconciliation and averted the catastrophe he replied:

where he entered and robbed eight basis of an agreement had been reached and that there would be no sale. explanation came from an old friend

Friend Tells of Aid.

"On Monday night," said this friend, "Mrs. Bickler, who lives at the Hotel Mariton, on West Eighth street, with her at the general's request. When she stepped into the hall there was the general, the only thing they had against him cried: 'Carolina; O. Carolina!' embraced was the fact that he lived two doors her and klased her on both cheeks. "She told him she was prepared to shield him from every trouble due to his tangled business affairs. This

day night, when seven houses in the ing she drew \$3,500, her entire balance, central part of the city were entered. from her bank and put it up as an from her bank and put it up as an earnest of her intention to pay off the udgment due the Bank of the Metropothe bank as if it was not necessary for whose room, at 508½ Thirteenth street, the bank as if it was not necessary for the man stole \$19. The burgiar talked her to make good her promise to cable with the women several minutes and to Spain for more money. In effect the sinking of the White Star liner. This also shook hands with Miss Karney, property in General Bickles' house has

Wife Happy Again.

Titanic Survivor Who Died Today



COL. ARCHBALD GRACIE.

ARCHIBALD GRACIE, T!TANIC SURVIVOR, DIES IN NEW YORK

Colonel, Long Resident of Family Certain White Slav-Washington, Ill Only a

and Washington, the last man to be that ocean palace sank in mid-Atlantic last April, taking hundreds to their deaths, died in a private hospital in New York today. Cotonel Gracie, who had been in the metropolis but a few days, had been in declining health for several months. His only daughter was at his bedside at the time of his death. It was only last Saturday night that Colonel Gracle appeared before a Washington audience, when, at the Univer-sity Club, he lectured on "The Truth About the Titanic.

Failing Since Disaster. Colonel Gracie, since his harrowing experiences of last spring, has been failing in health. For the last several lis. She was treated by the officers of weeks he grew weaker. He had heer

in one of them the burglar left seven gas jets turned on, for the evident purpose of apphyziating all the persons of apphyziating all the persons of apphyziating all the persons. The robberles occurred the course of the house. The robberles occurred the course of the house and have a seven gas jets twen the house. The robberles occurred the city for trace of the robberles occurred the result in the personal trace of the robberles occurred the city for trace of the robberles occurred the result in the personal trace of the robberles occurred the result in the personal trace of the robberles occurred the result in the robberles occurred the result in the robberles occurred the robberles

DOROTHY ARNOLD'S PARENTS HID FACTS, **LFFICIAL DECLARES**

ers Kidnaped and Killed Her.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.-Facts conce ing the strange disappearance of Loorthy Arnold were hidden by her family from detectives trying to find her, it was said today by a prominent cit yofficial, who twenty months ago was in charge of the nation-wide search for the missing heiress. or the missing helress.

His statement was prought forth by

His statement was brought forth by an announcement by James Lees Laidlaw, hanker and prominent in the movement to half white slavery, and Attorney John S. Keth, general spokesmra for the Arnoids.

Mr. Laidlaw said that the Arnoids believe Dorothy was kidnapped, undoubtedly for white slave purposes, and afterward slain in fear that the hunt for rwould result in the capture of her abductors.

Mr. Laidlow is of the opinion that
Miss Arnold was captured while crossing Central Park, was bundled into an
automobile and carried off.

Due to White Slavery. Mr. Kelth said that the kidnapping

theory had been entertained by the

FEDERAL CLERKS JARRED BY HOUSE **BOARD ON BUDGET**

Committee Wants to Force Government Employes to Serve Probation of Eleven Months Before Being Transferred.

PENSION FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE IS STRICKEN FROM MESSAGE

By THEODORE TILLER.

Government employes in Washington and in all branches of the classified service are handed another jolt in the legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill reported to the House today by the Appropriations Com-

Unlike the seven-year tenure clause in the last bill, the pending provision does not strike primarily at the classified service as such, but at the individual clerk, who would resign a job in one department to take a better job in an-

In brief, the House committee proposes that no employe resigning from one branch of the classified service shall be eligible to appointment in another branch until eleven months have elapsed.

STOPS OLD PRACTICE OF CHANGING.

This is intended to check a practice "winked at," it is said, by some bureau chiefs, but mainly engineered by the astute clerk himself. In other words, if a \$900 clerk in the Treasury, for instance, is tipped off that he can get a \$1,200 place in Postoffice, that clerk is not permitted to resign the first place, go on the eligible list for a few hours, and resume his work in another department, and at better pay, the next day. He must wait eleven months.

Senator Bailey Objects to Wrisley Brown's Dual Impeachment Duty.

of any old toys hidden away in some convention, came out flat footed for They failed to identify the suspect, and longer any danger that the general will lose it."

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Constant Changes.

It is claimed in justification for the recommended legislation that there is a constant interchange of jobs in the Government service—although formal transfers are allowed only after three years service—and that as soon as a clerk "gets on" to the work in one bureau he begins looking about for a better place in an entirely different line

of endeavor.

The language of the provision in the legislative bill, as quoted herewith, is self-explanatory, and is destined to raise a howl from the thousands of classified service employes in Washing-ton and elsewhere.

As reported today the legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill carries \$34,897,106.50, which is a cut of \$1,617,850 in the estimates submitted for these establishments. It appropri-ates \$319,027.88 less than was allowed for the same service for the current fis-

Several Increases. However, the House committee grants a number of salary increases, ing practically all divisions in the Government departments, and has acceded to requests for a considerable number

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IN CONGRESS TODAY.

Senate met at poor Trial of Judge Archbold resumed at 2 o'clock.

fore holidays.

amendments proposed to Constitu-Senator Gallinger introduces bill to Senator Swanson introduces bill to 10organize police force of Library of Congress. No meeting of District Committee be-

HOUSE The Craso omnibus pension bill was Congressman Roddenberry Bills on regular calendar considered. Agricultural Committee postcoped until

tomorrow's vote on oleomargarine bill